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Southard Breaks Seven Month Silence

Dr. Thomas B. Southard, President of the college, has broken his 7 months of silence on campus faculty unification and has directed an 8 page letter to all faculty members.

The certified letter, dated Oct. 29, gave two reasons for Southard's extended period of silence: (1) the possibility of committing an unfair labor practice and (2) being misquoted.

Southard stated in his letter "that a small number of faculty delight in distorting my statements."

He states that legal technicalities have held him back from conferring with faculty members because "I felt it was much safer to give no comment than to give a partial comment which could be twisted and misinterpreted."

At one point in the letter Southard urges the faculty not to sign any card or petition requesting a secret ballot election, as described by the union.

Southard continued, "However, as you are all aware, both the petition and the unfair labor practice charge have been dismissed. I can now take theopportunity to speak to you and bring you up to date on what is going on at Saint Leo College."

Southard reasoned that "Unionization would in my opinion, do nothing but compound our problems."

He goes on to claim that "we can handle our problems at this institution without a union."

Southard goes on to tell the faculty members that if they form a collective bargaining unit on campus they will be sacrificing their individual rights. He quotes the Teamsters union as an example of the stranglehold unions put on its members.

Southard reaches the climax by saying, "Do not succumb to this paradox of union propaganda which promises more power, but in reality, offers less. Let's take this opportunity to truly give our system of government a chance."

A claim was made in the letter that St. College will continue to secure funds from all possible sources including college alumni, the church, or other private sources. Southard warns, "I would be no less candid with you, if I did not communicate my apprehension that the presence of a union on the campus would have an adverse affect on these donations, contributions and grants."

He did not say exactly how the grants and donations would be hurt.

The letter finally warns that a union is going to cost the college money and the parents are not going to like that too much. Southard states, "Can you imagine a new entry on our statement to each parents Sixty dollars for the cost of negotiations with labor union."

Southard ends the letter by assuring faculty members that every cent available is being used for faculty salaries, and that faith in the College government can do more for the faculty than any union.

Col. Edward McCabe, the President of the Faculty Association, said that he did not feel Southard's letter would cause many faculty members to reverse their vote on the collective bargaining issue.

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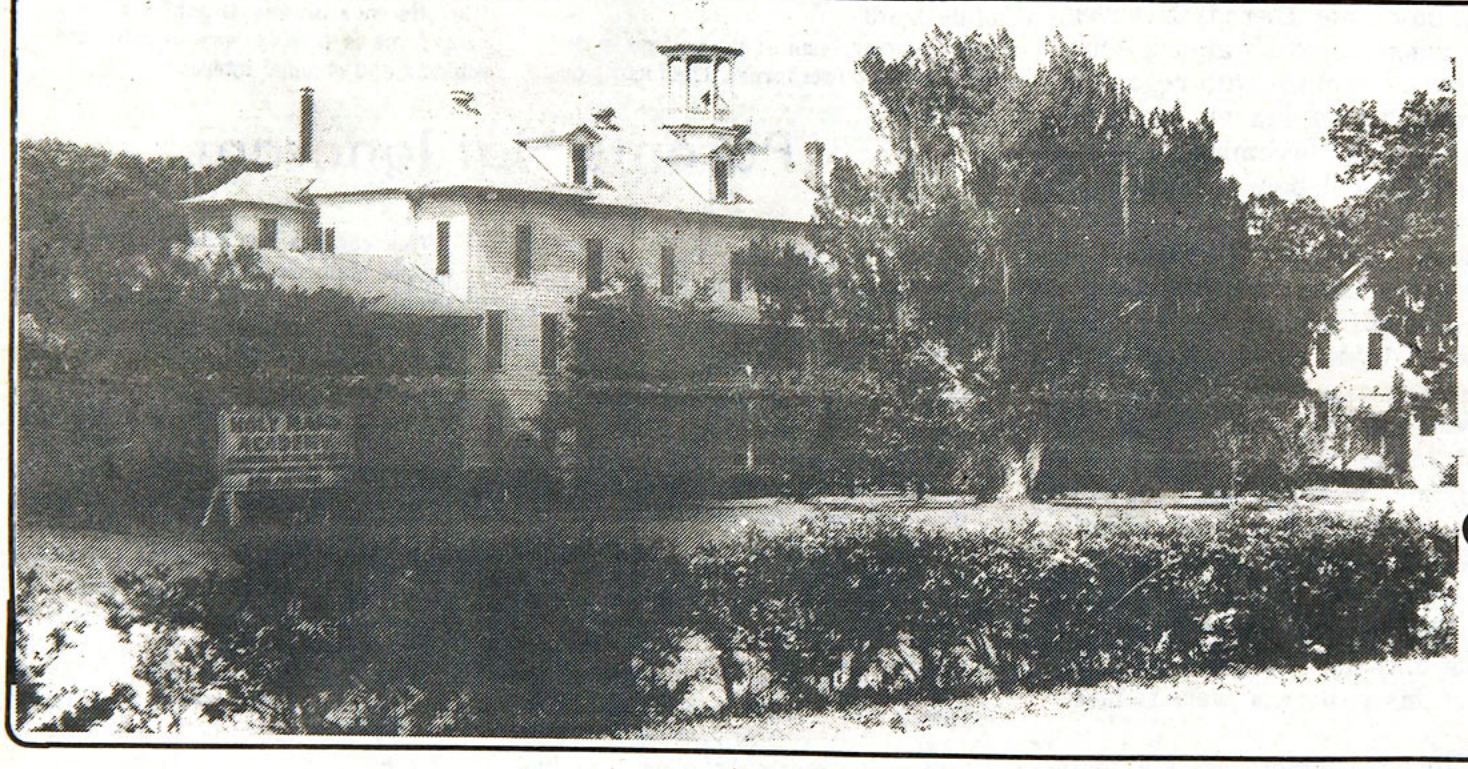

Rare Photo Of Holy Name Academy On It's original Site In San Antonio.

SanAntonio ReadiesFor Election; McCabe Out

By ADRIEL WOODMAN

In its regular session Tuesday night, the San Antonio City Commission proclaimed elections to be held November 25 for three commission seats. The Commission also voted not to approve the plan by the San Antonio Bicentennial Committee to construct public restrooms in City Park. The city was presented with a certificate officially awarding the City of San Antonio the honor of becoming one of a select group of cities to be proclaimed a National Bicentennial City.

Mike Alessandro of the San Antonio Bicentennial Committee, presented both the certificate and an American Bicentennial Flag. Alessandro stated that this nationally recognized flag has the status of our national standard and may be flown at the same level as the American flag.

The three open positions on the Commission will be decided by the voters on election day, November 25. Voting will be at city Hall from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The open seats are those of Chairman Mayor, currently held by Connie McCabe; Mayor Pro-Tem, currently held by Eugene Hester; and one other commission seat, currently held by Francis Blommel. Mayor McCabe made the surprise announcement that he is not now to be considered a candidate for re-election.

Candidates who wish to be placed on the ballot must file a formal petition verifying residency and voting registration. The petition is a simple procedure but it must be received by City Clerk Hazel Ridgeway on or before Saturday, November 15. After 7 p.m. that day the Commission will meet to accept or reject petitions.

Even though the Commission voted to disapprove the construction of restrooms in Ctiy Park, the City formally requested Mike Allesandro to seek the permission of the State Bicentennial Commission to reallocate the $3,253 of grant money originally budgeted for restrooms.

The San ZAntonio Bicentennial Committee had been awarded a $10,000 grant package for park restoration: $5,000 coming from the State Bicentennial Commission, and $5,000 — half in cash and half in in-kind services — from the San Antonio Jaycees.

Much heated discussion was heard before the city's rejection of the proposed park restrooms. Some claimed the facilities would be costly to maintain, or "disgusting" in appearance. Others feared vandalism, and one predicted vandalism by children, even by children of a prominent family.

Of the other opinion were those who agreed with Andre Lessard, who wrote the grant application. He said, "the original purpose of the grant was to make the park a meeting place" for people to congregate in a spirit of neighborliness. "The way I hear people used to do" in San Antonio.

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Gmuer Gets National Aid

In an interview with The Independnet Monarch last week former Chairman of the Division of Creative Teaching, Dr. Rossanne Gmuer, said she had just received news that American Federation of Teachers was going to pick up all legal bills for her defense. Gmuer who was fired on the first day of classes by St. Leo College President Thomas B. Southard, has just filed an appeal of her firing to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington.

"We are hoping that things will go better on the national level than they did in Tampa," Gmuer said, referring to the rejection of her appeal to the Tampa NLRB. "The AFT is stepping in on the national level and will be bringing all their resources to bear." Gmuer continued "The field services director of the AFT is flying in from Washington to meet with me and my attorney as well as the faculty."

Jack Samit, Director of Field Services for the Colleges and Universities, will meet with the faculty Wednesday to answer their questions about organizing for collective bargaining. Presently, the faculty have no union as their petition was rejected by the NLRB because of 'Supervisory taint'.

Faculty Petition Now !

President Southard's letter to the faculty last week contained the usual arguments and presented no new information to the faculty. The letter received little favorable response among faculty, in fact many were shocked that Southard still was trying to sell the faculty on ideas like "Let's take this opportunity to truly give our system of government a chance." Southard has failed to call a faculty meeting this year.

The letter also contained the expected jab at that "certain element at the college that obtains a great delight in twisting anything I say . . ." Overall the letter was concerned with the fact that the faculty will refile with the National Labor Relations Board for recognition as a collective bargaining representative of the faculty.

In fact, Southard pointgs out, "You undoubtedly will soon be getting another request to sign an authorization card or support such a petition." The faculty should not disappoint Southard. As Southard points out in his letter, "as few as 18 signatures" are needed for the faculty to file a petition with NLRB seeking recognition of the faculty association, for example, as a collective bargaining representative for the faculty.

There is little doubt that there are eighteen faculty members at the college who could sign a petition in one days time. There is, however, some debate as to how desirable a union would be among some faculty. There is a distinction that must be made with regard to unionization, a distinction the President did not make.

Joining together to collectively bargain and becoming part of a union are different. The Faculty Association can be your bargaining representative and there does not have to be any "union" involved. A union is something like the American Federation of Teachers or National Education Association. These are organizations that people interested in collective bargaining may wish to become affiliated with in order to help them overcome legal hassles and other problems that may arise from organizing to collectively bargain.

It is clear that you can organize without necessarily joining the AFT or NEA. What is also clear that unless you get together as a group, with or without union affiliation, you will not have any bargaining power. Example of just how clear this is most recently the need of five female professors to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Another example is the callus manner in which the administration dealt with Dr. Rossanne Gmuer. And for those who may have forgotten the termination of thirteen faculty in April of this year (who were re-hired when the faculty got together).

The president claims in his letter that the faculty are currently enjoying their relationship with the college; obviously that enjoyment has nothing whatsoever to do with Thomas B. Southard in light of last week's petition in which only one faculty member expressed confidence in Southard. To many on campus it has been evident from the first of the year that there has been little enjoyment of working relationships on campus, the President might seek an opinion from his new vice president of Student Affairs on just how much enjoyment the faculty are reaping from the present situation.

Faculty — let the President know you readh is letter, give him your answer, petition now!

Trustees Eyes Remain Closed

GERARD MULLIGAN
Associate Editor

There were a lot of expectations built up last week over the belief that the Board of Trustees were going to meet and do something to help solve the problems the College is facing. Many were disappointed.

The Board of Trustees did vote to give Dr. Southard a vote of confidence and also put forth a vote against the formation of a faculty union.

It seems that many of the board members once again closed their eyes to the community and carried on as usual. Dr. Southard handled the board with his usual charm and humbleness and has managed to send the board away for another six months without making any useful efforts on behalf of the College.

At first a lot of people were disgusted with the board's performance. But that is always to be expected. One thing was learned, there is no use inputting any more faith in the Board of Trustees in solving the problems here. This leaves two alternatives. Either we could all leave the college and close it down, whereby nobody would gain anything. Or, we can try to make St. Leo's a decent college regardless of the board.

A major problem at the college is that there are no power forces. The faculty has been underminded by a controlled NLRB and has failed at its first attempt to unionize.

The Student Government Association has very little insight into the College or understanding e concept of a power force. There is g to the SGA but muddled apathet. oup of interset groups. The SGA just does not have what it takes to put anything together. (Unless of course you feel lights on the tennis courts is a great governmental success).

This is not to say the SGA, the Faculty, the student body, or for that sake, the administration, does not have good people in it. They all do, many, many good people. The problem is they have no way to channel their thoughts and ideas into concrete accomplishments.

I believe a suggestion that deserves some attention is that students and faculty get together and forget about their role playing and form a campus union. A union of all interested groups, dedicated to making St. Leo's a conscientious, intellectual orientated institution.

It can be done. The Board cannot be counted on as a supporter but they make little difference anyway. Organizing into a power force is theonly way to solve the problems and channel interest.

Parents Not Ignorant

By JUDE MICHAEL RYAN

Well Parents' Weekend is over and now we must look back and ask "What was accomplished?"

For one thing the Monarchs won a football game by a huge almost humorous margin.

The school gained some revenue.

Mom and Dad got to see Junior, perhaps they met some of his (or her, or its) teachers and got a general view of the St. Leo campus at its finest.

That just about covers it. Somehow that just seems so hollow.

Perhaps I expect too much of the parents, but it seems there should be some way of getting them involved, outside of signing the checks that allow us to drink ourselves into oblivion five nights a week.

Our parents are not ignorant, so why do we feel that everything we show them should be peaches and cream? Rather than gaining insight into the college, the parents go away having been given a tour similar to one you could get by visiting Candyland.

This campus has problems, it is not unique. Many would choose to ignore those problems, including students, administration and teachers who allow their rights to be trampled, while offering little resistance.

If the people who run this institution (and the term is used loosely) were truly interested in making St. Leo more 'Catholic' they must show themselves to be more Christian. The idea of a 'Catholic' college would seem to indicate a certain openness, honesty and frankness, something we have not seen here in a long time. Tell the parents what a great school this is. But also tell them about our pboblems, which include dissention, apathy, and lack of leadership from any quarter.

Earlier this year I called for Dr. Southard to address the faculty and students and to answer any questions we might have. I am still awaiting an answer from his holiness.

The parents have come and gone, it is too late to speak to them. It is not too late for the rset of us.

New Credit Law

As of October 28, 1975, no one can be legally discriminated against on the basis of sex or marital status in the process of obtaining credit. The Equal Opportunity Act, which was passed last year, is now in effect and making it possible for an individual who is violated on this basis to collect up to $10,000 in damages (if proved in court). The Act includes such issues as credit ratings and a person's ability to apply for credit, neither of which can be determined on the grounds that a person is female, married, single or divorced.

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An Answer To Gun Control

GERARD MULLIGAN
Associate Editor

In last week's edition of **The Independent Monarch**, George L. Snapp directed a letter to the editor denouncing an interpretation of the Second Amendment, and rationalizing the wide spread use of guns as a course of national defense. I beleive some remarks are warranted to help clear up this discussion.

Mr. Snapp's first question was "Who is the Militia?" The second Article of the Bill of Rights states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The idea missed by Mr. Snapp was that many of the early founders of our nation did not want a standing federal army. In fact, many did not want a federal government. Since guns were a part of the lifestyle during the 1780's it was believed that if an army was ever needed the people would again be called upon to come with their arms to defend their nation. To quote a few of our founding fathers,

"The spirit of this country is totally adverse to a large military force."
Thomas Jefferson, 1807

"A standing army, however necessary it may be at some times, is always dangerous to theliberties of the people."
Sam Adams, 1770

"Though it has been said that a standing army is necessary for the dignity and safety of America, freedom revolts at the idea. Standing armies have been the nursery of vice and the bane of liberty from the Roman legions to the planting of British cohorts in the capitals of America."
Mercy Warren, 1788

It was believed at this time, since a man often had to hunt to provide his family with food, and since a gun was important to the settler of the pioneer, that a large standing army would never be needed in America.

Today America's army is one of the largest and the best equipped in the world. We have an arsenal of nuclear weapons that could destroy the world many times over. Last year alone America's weapons corporations sold more than $12 billion worth of arms to foreign nations.

Mr. Snapp, I dislike being the one to jolt you into 1975, but the day of the gun is gone. Rifles and handguns are absolete when speaking of national defense. Gusn also are no longer a part of our lifestyle. We no longer hunt for our food. W eno longer live on the frontier. W ehave locked the once feared Indians up on reservations. W ehave no enemy but ourselves.

The American militia will never be called upon to defend this country. If a war ever breaks out we will destroy each other before any type of invasion, by any foreign nation, can take place.

Since we no longer hunt and we no longer defend ourselves against foreign foes, gusn can be used for only three things. To hunt the few animals that remain, to use against other human beings to get something you want and they don't want to give you, or to protect yourselves from those other human beings who have the guns and want to take what you have. When will the deathly game stop?

In Snapp's letter he stated only 10,340 homicides were committed with the handgun during 1973. Many of those were murders in the immediate family over quarrels. If the handgun was not present how many of those 10,340 would still be alive?

Also missing from the letter was any mention of the 500,000 armed robberies that took place last year and the amount of accidental deaths involving guns around the house.

Mr. Snapp stated that only .000258 per cent of all gusn werc used in homicides. That analogy is like, say, we have only used two of all the atomic bombs ever created to kill human beings; so it is okay for every one to have one.

Majority Want Community Pride

Editor, The Independent Monarch:

In light of the discussions and decisions made at the City Council meeting of San Antonio on Nov. 4, 1975, I feel obliged to express my feelings in writing regarding the restoration of the St. Lous Plaza.

As author of the Bicentennial grant application which was awarded to San Antonio, I feel that various citizens and especially every member of the city council spoke and acted contradictory to the best interest of the citizens of San Antonio.

The philosophy behind the restoration project, which is being so generously made possible by the San Antonio Jaycees, is to re-instate within the general community of San Antonio a sense of "community". By beautifying the Park, making picnic and recreational facilities available and by making restroom facilities available to the public, I believe San Antonio could hope to once again develop into a truly close-knit community, where people honestly help each other through friendships gained in congregating.

I believe the City Council's argument that the new restroom facility could not be maintained properly is archaic and lacks respect for and belief in its own citizens it espouses to represent. I also believe that certain members of the City Council are "biased" in their decisions, which they apparently make for "personal" reasons rather than in the best interest of those they represent.

I advocate that the citizens of San Antonio take heed to what their Council members are doing, take pride in their community, take note of what the Jaycees are trying to accomplish for the community and act to see that their representatives on the city council make decisions in the best interest of the majority.

I believe the majority wants to restore its sense of pride in their community. I would like to see the City Council act in accord with the desires of its constituents.

ANDRE' C. LESSARD

Reader Responds To Harry Gill

Professor Gill, in the Monarch of October 30th, called for a renewed unity between faculty and administration saying the present "course of action is only going to make increases of salary more difficult to get." While I respect Mr. Gill's motives and am partisan to his fears concerning unionization, I believe he to narrowly considers the issues at odds. As I perceive the problem, it is one of general policy making rather than purely of a money nature.

In this light many have suggested that the only solution to the current frustration and rancor on campus rests in the replacement of Dr. Southard with someone more "suitable." To my mind this "solution" is no solution at all. It would cause unnecessary polarization, might well be merely cosmetic in effect and would in all probability, serve as but a temporary sedation. Any man chosen to serve seems to me to most nearly insure the necessary free flow of information and ideas between all groups on campus, while providing a check against possible abuses or insensitivity on the part of any one group.

To be sure this plan is not without its difficulties; it requires a measure of involvement, reasonability, responsibility and submission by all. Still, on the whole, this plan is pragmatic enough to invite its application on campus and equitable enough to have its application welcomed.

JACK SULLIVAN

Judas Michael Ryan?

Editor, The Independent Monarch:

Well the campus "Nader's Raider" has really come through this time in his latest mission of reform. Under the pretention of being the community savior from all the faults that exist in society, you offer us inspiring words week after week. This past week your crusade was against the vice of gambling. In this, the latest chapter of a quite lengthy book of "dirt digging" against those on your "enemies list," you have stepped on the very people for whom you supposedly write. Thus, I now must ask for whom do you write??

If the shoe fits, Judas Michael Ryan, wear it!

MICHAEL JOSEPH LaFRANCIS

P.S. I imagine now I have just etched my own name on your list and should anticipate some minutia coming my way.

Students Should Do Their Part To Fight Campus Litter

Fellow St. Leo students we have a couple minor problems. What's more we have within our means a couple ways to help solve these problems. The administration, as usual, can also assist us in eliminating these problems.

Want to know what the problems are? First, we have litter. Yes, that's right. That unsightly mess known as litter. We all can help solve the litter problem by picking it up and placing it in a trash receptacle. Oh, come on, you will not be embarrassed if a fellow student should see you picking up a piece of litter. It will only take a moment, will probably make you feel better, and will certainly make our campus look a lot better. Secondly, we can keep the problem solved by making an honest effort to place litter in its proper place.

Here again we — the students — can be of assistance. Since we will already be doing our part by keeping the litter in its proper place, we may quietly and politely — but firmly — encourage the administration to do their part by keeping the litter receptacles emptied and the grass cut and neatly trimmed. Who knows, this era of student-administration cooperation might even lead to many of us leaning signs being straightened and even the crooked letters of our college name, on the brick wall next to the highway, being set right again.

You know, we really have a beautiful campus. One cannot help but have a fine warm feeling as he or she walks among its beautiful trees and fine old buildings. We smile at each other, speak, even walk together to and from classes hoping to make each other's day a little nicer. Let's contribute a little more to that nice day by keeping our campus beautiful and litter-free.

THE PHANTOM

Sixty Dollar Fee For Pres.'s Booze?

Editor, The Independent Monarch:

Can you imagine how the students' parents would react to an additional sixty dollar fee for Dr. Southards' scotch?

WONDERING IN LEOLAND

To The Editor

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Should The Federal Government Let

Collapse of Economy

If New York City defaults on its bonds, we must realize the eminence theory of collapse of the general economy may occur. Many small lending institutions and individual investors throughout the country are invested into the High Yield securities. This, coupled with the high level of unemployment, could incipitate a depression.

It is clear, we cannot allow a city of 10 million people, in a state of 16 million, to default. The much needed aid, which will clearly define the responsibility New York City and State in establishing a budget guidelines, which mean "tightening the belt" for all citizens. The bureaucracy, of the city and the labor elements have been selfish and have not considered an end to the golden resevoir of cash. The monies from the Federal Government must be given with demands for rapid repayment and a stringent fiscal budget.

The situation reveals that our government is in a period of evaluation. They are seeking the breakdown of local governments, when megapolosis become too large and bureaucratic to be run effectively. Local governments and institutions will be controlled by the Fedreal Bureaucracy to insure the processes of government.

ROSE LAMM

NYC Unite

Jean Devenport:

I feel that the Government should help out to the extent that the City could make it on its own. The City should work together as a whole, and if they did this I think they could save themselves from defaulting. It should be a combined effort because tht is what America is: United.

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In the past weeks we have been watching the financial story of New York City's disaster unfold before our eyes. We, on the Independent Monarch, thought it was time to read our communities opinions on the subject. All of the following were answering the question: "Should the Government Aid New York Cit cially or let it default?"

If you have an opinion on the su want to react to an opinion, feel drop your comments by our offic

Grave Consequences Seen

George L. Kithem:

I believe to deny New York City any financial aid at the present time may have grave consequences upon the economy; however, to just simply bail them out for some obviously bad business and governmental practices is not the answer. Maybe a long term loan will be a better answer to the situation. I just don't believe that the economy can afford another "slap in the face", and on the other hand, I personally don't want my tax dollar spent for the purpose

Let's look at it realistically, N.Y.C. government officials are paid an obviously adequate salary. Let's make them earn it by proposing some means of correcting their problems.

NO !

Joe Grund, Student:

No, I believe that if a major city, in financial trouble, is bailed out by the federal government, then every other city in the future will be pinching Uncle Sam's pocket. The dilemma should be worked out by New York State.

Unique Case

Sue Goliber and Larry Foster, Teachers:

New York City is unique for at least two reasons:

1. It is the financial capital of the United States . . . As goes New York, so goes most of the country. How many of you are aware of the amount of Pasco money invested in New York bonds?

2. Also, New York City is unique because not only has the largest welfare rolls, but it had taken the lead in providing income supports and Social Security for the poor who have traditionally flocked to the city. The reason other states do not hav welfare rolls is because so many o poor are in N.Y. City.

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Not Catastrophic

The default of New York City, or more precisely, the failure to pay notes or interests on debt when due, is not as catastrophic as it might seem. It occur frequently in the bankruptcy of businesses and individuals. The power of the tax, which is given to the city by the state, is the primary means of servicing debt. However, in the case of New York City, those debt instruments, i.e. bonds, which are likely to default, are those which are backed by "moral obligation" or in some cases unprofitable real estate developments. It is obvious to most investors that to lend money with such doubtful backing would be a gamble. Therefore extremely high interest rates must be paid to balance the reward vis a' vis the risk (of default).

Yet, many municipal bond issues remain good investments, i.e. with minimum risks and adequate reward. The failure (default) of New York City on some of its bonds may cause some unrest in financial circles, but the basic soundness of municipal bonds as an investment will not be changed.

The solution available to New York City should be no different from that available to any other legal entity (corporation or individual) in the United States, i.e. the protection of the courts from its creditors+ while maintaining operations (in this case essential services) and the guidance of court approved receivors for the management of the cities fiscal matters, until such time as the city is solvent.

+(In the case of a municipality which is bankrupt, i.e. default, the citizens of that municipality muet be protected as creditors, i.e. provided essential services and at the same time called upon to assist their city in coping with its financial crisis by doing such things as keeping their own city clean, paying bills to the city on time, being willing to work for the city without wage increases, and in general become more public-minded. From what I understand about New Yorkers this would be quite a change).

Insofar as a large portion of New York City's citizens are on welfare, the federal government could increase its share of providing for indigents to lessen the burden on the city.

One should keep in mind that the city of New York is a creation of the state of New York; likewise the federal government is a creation of all of the states. The point being that the State of New York should assume some responsibility in the form of financial aid to New York City other than "moral obligation" (Big Mac) bonds. The problem arises in the New York legislature when it will not approve "full faith and credit bonds", i.e. bonds which have the taxing power of the state.

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The problems of New York City are not new nor are they unique; neither the city nor its administrations of years past totally to blame for the current situation. But, the worst feature of all is taht the true facts of New York City's financial situation were not made public 'til now and the administrations both past and present of New York City must accept the responsibility.

Help The Little Guy

Judge Michael Ryan:

The federal government should definitely give aid to New York City. If they do not, the people that will wind up on the short end of the stick will be the small investors, who have been saving all their lives in the form of bonds. Nelson Rockefeller will not be wiped out, John Q. Public will. City employees will have no way of supporting themselves or their families.

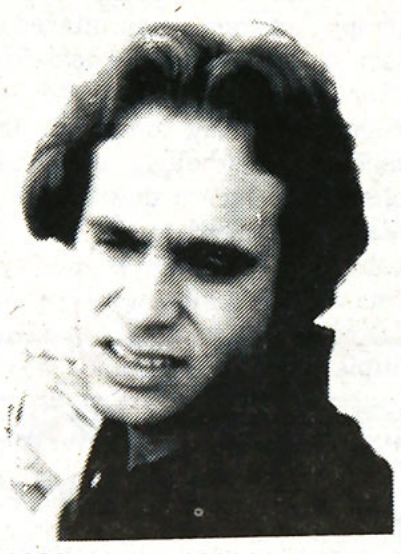
If people are so worried about balancing the federal budget, we can simply make a few less hydrogen bombs next year. The consequences of this action would be that we could only wupe out the world 700 times over as opposed to 701.

If the federal government turns its back on New York, it is in effect telling the people, "We don't care about you, starve for all we care." This country is supposed to be for all the people, not just the ones, who can afford tax breaks.

USA Needs NYC

Carmel Griffen:

Yes, because New York City is so much a big part of our country. The Federal Government, I think should help it while it's in financial need. N.Y.C. gave money to them through taxes, they should surely help N.Y.C. Now, otherwise, where would the U.S.A. be without New York City.



National Trend May Result In NYC Default

Phil Quattrone:

Yes, because New York City is in the condition it is in because of lack of federal funding in the past. N.Y.C. is a city and very much part of our country, very badly in need of aid. IF we fail to assist then we could start an epidemic with other large cities who could also fall into such a financial bend.

No Aid

Tom Cooke:

I don't feel that New York City should get financial aid simply because there are many other American cities heading into equally serious financial problems. If New York were to get aid these other cities will expect aid; this we cannot afford.

Restrained Aid

Curt Ranum:

I don't believe an outright denial of aid to New York City would be in the best interest of the national economy at this time. On the other hand I don't favor an outright grant of aid, however, I do favor aid with proper constraints to ensure proper use. I feel aid in conjunction with a realistic long range plan can correct the situation.

Candidates Must File On Or Prior To November 15

San Antonio Election

From Page One

But some were equally determined in their oppsoition. The City Clerk delivered a petition submitted by a group of San Antonians. It stated that the twelve signed petitioners "whose property borders on the City Park **vigorously oppose** the construction of public restrooms in the City Park."

Some complaints were voiced that the special forum on the restroom issue held OCtober 21 was not sufficiently publicized. But the Commission contended that the forum was arranged at an exceptionally crowded regular commission meeting and that **The Independent Monarch** had recorded the announcement. Later in the session, City Attorney Glen Greenfelder, advised, with reference to the Florida Sunshine Law, that the city draw up an agenda for official meetings. He suggested that this agenda should be in some manner posted or published seven days in advance of a meeting of city official business. "It protects you," Greenfelder said.

No vote was taken on Greenfelder's proposal. The proposal that the city buy a tape recorder, to be used to tape official meetings, was discussed but rejected.

Autum Dawn

By SARAH MULLIGAN

The day's a dawning pretty and clean, and I can practically hear the morning glories stretching their petals, yawning and opening up to the world. Things are so crisp this time of morning, I couldn't stand to miss a single dawn and make it through the day. When I step out of my own back door each morning I get the warmest and best welcome anybody could ever ask for. First thing, that ornery old Tom Cat rushes up, purring up a storm, it's hard to imagine after a night of carousing and fighting, he can be so sweet to me. I think it may have something to do with the raw egg and fresh milk I have with me every morning. As soon as old Tom settles in with his breakfast the mockingbirds pipe down a bit and sing songs of good morning and ain't it a beautiful dav. I do love hearing their hoarse calls but not near as much as listening to the smaller sweeter robins and their "Good Day."

The breeze this time of morning smells so fresh, I feel like it cleans me up better than any bath ever could. I just love sitting under that cherry laurel and sipping that first cup of coffee. The feeling it gives me is enough to free my mind and get me through each day singing and whistling inside and out. Each time I walk out the door I start soaking up the sunshine and breathing in each clear breath like it would never be there again, it makes me so thankful. With all the hard times people are having I can get such sweet pleasure from a few natural causes. There is so much love in a plain old Tom Cat and wild birds, I sure wish more people could see it.

Yep, it seems like with all the beauty of one fall morning people would be thinking a littl eless of money, power and the like. It's hard for me to understand what it is that makes up people who just can't sit back each morning and cast their troubles away like the sun casts down its rays. Perhaps they've never tried.

About every other day I can count on my neighbors dog coming

over wagging his tail and begging a bite of toast, he's always a good one to talk to. Marcus, I believe is his name, he never seems unhappy and he's never uttered a word of complaint, not even on the morning he's found me toastless.

The thought of getting the day started never seems to dull the brightness of my mornings. In fact, I think I usually feel very anxious at the thought, after only a short time of relaxing with the splendor of such a dawn. Every event throughout the day can be balanced perfectly with these few quiet moments, every small problem or nuisance is merely overlooked and solved with calm precision. Yes, I do owe so much to these beautiful dawns. It seems that some of the most beautiful thigns are overlooked as merely simple. Such a shame.

Are Food Stamps For You?

With inflation rising in the double digit figures many American families are looking for ways to stretch their living dollars a little farther. One way that many people are discovering helps greatly is in the use of food stamps.

Food Stamps are a form of currency purchased from the government at less than face value and redeemed for their value in food stores.

At the present time a large portion of the American public is eligible for participation in this program. Right now there are about ten million Americans eligible for food stamps that are not using them. Some families with a yearly gross income of $15,000 are still eligible.

Eligibility is based on your net income Your net income is your gross income less:

— Federal and State income taxes

— Child care costs for working mothers.

— 10 per cent of earned income up to $30 a month.

— Current medical costs over $10 a month not covered by insurance.

— Housing and utility costs that are more than 30 per cent of your gross income less all other deductions.

It is a misconception that you cannot own your own property and be eligible. You can own a home, one car and up to $1,500 worth of cash, securities and real estate. Many teachers at St. Leo would be eligible.

The amount of food stamps you can buy depends on the size of your family and the amount you pay for the stamps depends on your net income.

There are forms to fill out and certain receipts you must show before you can qualify. You must show receipt of your weekly earnings, and all receipts of bills and payments being made. All titles for property must be produced and a record of your savings should be available. This includes registration and payment book for your car and payment books for insurance policies and other items purchased on time.

Food stamps are available from the Department of Agriculture and the local office is located in Dade City next to the Econo-mart. The phone number is 567-3071.

Students at St. Leo are often eligible for food stamps if they can meet the requirements which include having a kitchen at your disposal. In almost every case students are eligible and could benefit from the stamps if they would take the time to fill out forms.

At the present time President Ford is fighting with Congress on closing down some of the food stamp programs for certain groups and cut down on the $5 billion annual budget. Student eligibility is one of the avenues President Ford is interested in closing.

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"Scrawls On The Walls" Brings Censorship

BEMIDJI, Minn. — A printer in this small Minn. town recently refused to print a page in The Northern Student, the campus paper at Bemidji State College.

The controversy has arisen over a pictorial article on the graffiti appearing on the walls of the lavatories on campus.

The editor of the Northern Student, Sue Mattson, and her advisor, Lester Pope, claim the printers action was open censorship and a violation of their contract.

The pictorial page included a few comments containing four letter words referring to the Army and the ROTC. Other comments appearing were:

"Love Jesus"

"Dope pollutes your body."

"Man needs God like a fish needs a bicycle."

"Wisconsin — where men are men but the women don't care."

"Indianapolis is the center of the cosmos. Bemidji is the armpit."

Printer Grapg Lords forced the Northern Student to delete the grafitti page from its Oct. 23 edition. His reasoning, he said, was not infringement of freedom of the press, simply "good common sense."

The idea of printing the page entitled "Scrawls on the Walls" was developed by student photographer Bill Martin. He wanted to spark interest in the 3,500 circulation newspaper published every Thursday. Martin called the page entertainment and a statement of "social comment."

Lester Pope, the advisor to the paper, said the content of the controversial page "is perhaps not the best to rally around" but the issue is still "freedom of the press."

Pope said a school attorney ruled there was nothing legally wrong with the grafitti page.

Consumers Group Finds *U*-Shaped Bike Lock Best

In hopes that the "moral crisis" which plagues the administration here at St. Leo College has not reached the student body the following information should be irrelevant to most of us. But in a cautionary light Consumer Reports has disclosed the following after a report on bicycle locks.

After comparing and testing several types and brands the reports conclude that the U-Shaped cryptonite 3 lock is the sturdiest and least likely to be broken into, but, can only be used around a four-inch pole, making it inconvenient and unpractical. The number two lock for reliability is the Cable Lock, it can be used on much bigger objects but weighs between three and one half to seven pounds, making it a bit awkward. A survey of the cable type shows that the Sears brand is the least expensive.

In view of the fact that there really isn't an exceptional lock on the market lock your bike to something strong and be sure to include both wheels and the frame. Make sure the bicycle cannot be lifted over the object it is locked to and, take the serial number down and keep it with you.

To avoid the shock of coming out and discovering that your ride has left you (possibly forever), make sure you have a reliable lock and you're using it to your best advantage.

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Team Record Set In Rutgers Victory

By JUDE MICHAEL RYAN

The St. Leo Monarch football club coasted to a tremendous win this past weekend at the expense of Rutgers University. Despite what the score might indicate, the game was actually very close right up to the time the two teams took the field. On Rutgers' first play from scrimmage, the ball was fumbled and Dennis Lavelle recovered it for the Monarchs. Five plays later, with less than two minutes gone in the game, Joe Leone dove over for the first score on a one yard run. Rich Rosenswie converted the first of seven extra points he was to get Saturday.

As usual, Joe Leone was a major factor in the game with 142 yards and two touchdown runs, but not to be outdone, Wayne Watkinson led all rushers with 143 yards, and two touchdowns including one that followed a sixty-three yard run.

While the Monarch offense was rolling, the defense was rocking the Rutgers team. When Rutgers elected to punt in the first quarter after a fruitless series of downs, the defense blocked the kick and forced a safety. Later in the second period with time running out, Dennis Lavelle intercepted a pass as he has done seven times this season, and ran it back twenty-seven yards for yet another Monarch score.

The other two Monarch scores came on passes to Sean Dowd, one a twenty yard pass from Rich Stokes an the other a sixty-five yard pass from Jim Mulligan late in the game.

The Rutgers offense mounted some weak charges, but were effectively stopped by the tenacious Monarch defense.

Aside from the victory, the Monarchs set some new team records in Saturday's game, including most points in a quarter, a half and a game, two runners with over 100 yards rushing, most extra points and largest margin of victory.

With this win the Monarchs have extended their record to 3 and 3, and close out the season with a home game against Mars Hill College this weekend.

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Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0
SLC	16	21	7	7	51

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First Downs	7	17
Yds. rushing	54	335
Yds. passing	83	144

SCORES

SLC — Leons 1 yd. run
SLC — Safety
SLC — Leone 30 yd. run
SLC — Dowd 21 yd. pass
SLC — Watkinson 3 yd. run
SLC — Lavelle 27 yd. interception
SLC — Watkinson 63 yd. run
SLC — Dowd 65 yd. pass

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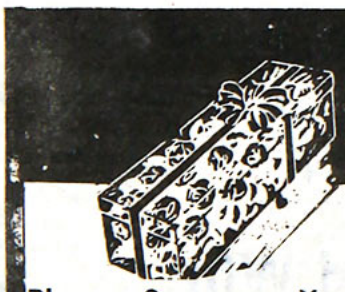
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